

1 **ABSTRACT**

2 A system or method selects among multiple tuners to tune a particular
3 channel. A request is received to tune a first channel. In response to this request,
4 a first tuner is assigned to tune the first channel. A request is received to tune a
5 second channel. If the program tuned by the first tuner is not being recorded, the
6 first tuner is assigned to tune the second channel. If the program tuned by the first
7 tuner is being recorded, the second tuner is assigned to tune the second channel.